



CDFG INDUSTRY NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN AND PROCESSORS



Inseason Adjustment for Commercial Groundfish Fisheries that Affect California

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) recommended adjustments to regulations governing commercial groundfish fisheries during their week-long meeting in Foster City, California, September 11-15, 2006. NMFS is implementing these recommended regulation changes effective October 1, 2006.

Open Access Daily Trip Limit Fishery for Sablefish North of 36° N. lat.

The open access sablefish DTL fishery north of 36° N. lat. is projected to attain the allocation of sablefish to that fishery by the end of September; therefore, NMFS will **close** the fishery.

The open access daily trip limit fishery for sablefish will close North of 36° N. lat. effective October 1, 2006.

All deliveries must be made prior to 0001 local time, October 1, 2006.

Fixed Gear and Open Access Daily Trip Limit Fishery South of 36° N. lat

Catch of sablefish is tracking behind schedule for the year South of 36° N. latitude. Therefore, NMFS will **increase** limited entry fixed gear and open access trip limits for sablefish to "500 lb per day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,050 lb.", beginning October 1.

Limited Entry Trawl Gear North and South of 40°10' N. lat

NMFS is increasing the limited entry trawl trip limits for petrale sole and sablefish to allow increased fishing opportunity in November and December:

Trip Limit Adjustments – During period 6 (November-December) both north and south of 40°10' N. latitude, NMFS will **increase** the sablefish trip limits to 20,000 lb per 2 months and increase the petrale sole trip limits to 70,000 lb per 2 months for large and small footrope trawl gear.

RCA - The seaward line will remain at 250 fm with special petrale sole areas starting November 1 as planned.

Trip limit tables, effective October 1, 2006, are included in the attached Public Notice.

Table 3=Limited Entry Trawl (North and South)

Table 4=Limited Entry Fixed Gear (North and South)

Table 5=Open Access Non-Trawl and Incidental Open Access Trawl

NOTE- Trip limit tables contained in this document are available at

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Public-Notices/Index.cfm>

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